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COUNTRY Poland 25X1 REPORT NO. 25X1

TOPIC 1. Polish Unit 2944 2. Polish Tank Troops in Loetzen (Gizyko) and WOP
Officer Candidate School in Rastenburg (Ketrzyn)

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT prior to 24 August 1953

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REFERENCES 25X1

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REMARKS

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2. In early August 1953, the barracks installation on the western perimeter of the city of Loetzen (R 55/A 59), on the south side of the road to Rastenburg (R 55/A 29) and west of the Loetzen Canal, was generally referred to as the Tank Barracks by the population. [Redacted] in the barracks area Polish soldiers [Redacted] wore blue gray uniforms and also [Redacted] about five tanks whose guns had muzzle brakes. [Redacted] these tanks in the terrain near the Rastenburg road. The first blue gray uniforms seen in the barracks installation, which was occupied to capacity, were observed after 1951. The installation had previously been occupied by troops wearing khaki uniforms. 2

3. Polish soldiers, who always wore fatigue uniforms in the summer of 1952, were observed in another barracks installation west of the city and presumably north of the Rastenburg road. [Redacted] labor units were quartered in the modern and recently completed installation.

4. [Redacted] the former Infantry Barracks in Rastenburg (R 55/A 29) quartered a total of about 3,000 WOPs. About 50 percent were officer candidates. The others belonged to training units. Soldiers of the training units said that they attended the school only for six months and were subsequently assigned border guard missions. The members of the mounted unit and the dog-handler detachment wore no officer candidate insignia. Soldiers receiving short-time training at a tent camp south of the barracks installation wore khaki uniforms without service color.

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25X1 2. Comment. No recent information on the occupation of Loetzen is available. Since the Tank SP Regt of the 15th Inf Div seems to be stationed at Crtelsburg the tank unit in Loetzen possibly belongs to the 18th Inf Div. It is also possible, however, that the area around Loetzen is occupied by a newly activated division.

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